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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES FOOD AND ENERGY, HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (TEXT OF DEAR COLLEAGUE ON
ANGOLA WHICH WENT OUT FRIDAY, JANUARY 23).

QUOTE: ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS, WE
STRONGLY URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT WHICH WILL BE

OFFERED TO THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL (HR 9861), TO
PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANY FUNDS UNDER THE BILL FOR ANY
ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ANGOLA, OTHER THAN FOR INTELLIGENCE
GATHERING. FLOOR ACTION IS EXPECTED TUESDAY, JAN 27.

THE BROAD BASE OF SUPPORT FOR THE CUTOFF WAS CLEARLY
DEMONSTRATED BY THE STRONG SENATE VOTE (54-22), IN FAVOR OF
THE TUNNEY AMENDMENT.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY ALARMED BY THE DISTURBING ALIGNMENT OF
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THE U.S. ON THE SAME SIDE AS SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH THE

ADMINISTRATION'S COVERT SUPPORT OF FNLA (NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA) AND UNITA (NATIONAL UNION FOR

FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA).

SUCH A "CONVERGENCE IN POLICY," AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT DELICATELY TERMS IT, RISKS SERIOUS, ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES TO U.S. LONG-TERM RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT, MAJORITY-RULED AFRICA, WHICH SEES THE U.S. GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ATTENDED THE RECENT DELIBERATIONS ON ANGOLA OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) IN ETHIOPIA, AND REPORTED THAT SOME DEFINITE PRECEPTS WERE ESTABLISHED DURING THE SUMMIT MEETINGS OF HEADS OF STATE. IN PARTICULAR, HE NOTED "THE CONSENSUS THAT SOUTH

AFRICA IS THE ARCH-VILLAIN IN THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT. ITS INTRUSION INTO ANGOLA HAS COALESCED AFRICANS ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM WHO DEMAND ITS WITHDRAWAL.

AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF THE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S INSENSITIVITY TO THE STRONG HOSTILITY AGAINST MINORITY-RULED SOUTH AFRICA ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS NIGERIA - A RELIABLE SOURCE OF OIL FOR THE U.S. THROUGHOUT THE OPEC OIL BOYCOTT AND THE SECOND LARGEST SUPPLIER OF CRUDE OIL TO THE U.S. BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF ANGOLA, NIGERIA HAS CHANGED TO A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA (POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA) AND WAS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATION TO AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE REQUESTING SOVIET AND CUBAN WITHDRAWAL AS THE QUID PRO QUO FOR SOUTH AFRICAN DISENGAGEMENT. AS CONGRESSMAN DIGGS FURTHER STATED IN HIS JANUARY 16 TELEGRAM TO SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER:"FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE THAT SOUTH AFRICAN DISENGAGEMENT IS THE PRINCIPAL KEY, NOT USSR/CUBAN DISENGAGEMENT TO DEESCALATING THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT REFLECTS A COMPLETE MISREADING OF THE SITUATION AND AFRICAN ATTITUDES."

THE SERIOUS BLUNDER OF ALLOWING U.S. POLICY TO "CONVERGE WITH THAT OF SOUTH AFRICA WAS COMPOUNDED BY THE COVERT UNCLASSIFIED

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NATURE OF THE OPERATION, AND BY THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. HAS NO VITAL INTERESTS IN ANGOLA. FOR, IF THE U.S. HAS NO VITAL INTEREST IN ANGOLA, SERIOUS QUESTIONS MUST BE RAISED AS TO WHETHER THE U.S. INTERVENE TO HOLD BACK THE EXPANSION OF PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN MAJORITY-RULED STATES SOUTHWARD TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA AND THE CAPE UNDER THE GUISE OF MEETING A SOVIET CHALLENGE. WE HOPE THAT, UPON CONSIDERATION OF THESE ISSUES, YOU WILL

JOIN US THIS TUESDAY IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT TO CUT

OFF MILITARY-RELATED AID TO ANGOLA.

SINCERELY,

CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR. CHARLES B. RANGEL
CHAIRMAN CHAIRMAN
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL BLACK
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